

# PRESIDENT OUT AFTER BIG NAVY

Would Make United States the  
World's Greatest Naval  
Power.

URGES TWO BATTLESHIPS  
OF 32,000 TONS EACH

Believes Grades of Admiral and  
Vice-Admiral Should  
Be Had.

DREADNOUGHTS PLANNED  
FOR THE PACIFIC OCEAN

Japan Said to Be Laying Down  
Two Greatest Warships  
in the World.

WASHINGTON, February 27.—The administration is pledged to a naval policy which, if carried out, will place the United States at the very front of the naval powers of the world. Battleships which will form a class by themselves, reorganization of the personnel so that young men will command America's war fleets, and increased rank for commanding officers are among the naval reforms urged by the administration.

Young blood in command of the navy is the keynote of the message which President Taft yesterday transmitted to congress. The President endorses the plan of Secretary of the Navy George von L. Meyer which would rearrange promotion so that the grade of rear-admirals would be reached at an average age of fifty-four years and the grade of captain at an average age of forty-six.

In his message the President stated that this arrangement does not provide for men in the higher ranks young enough to be of the best service to the country but says that it would be a decided improvement over the present state of affairs. The President is firmly convinced that the Meyer plan could be bettered by arranging to have men reach the high offices in the navy earlier in life than is contemplated by the secretary of the navy.

**Admiral and Vice Admiral.**  
The President strongly recommends retaining the grade of admiral and creating the grade of vice admiral. Under the present law the grade of admiral becomes extinct upon the death of Admiral Dewey while the grade of vice admiral does not exist. The President, in his message, urged that considerations of military efficiency and national dignity demand that the fleets of the United States be commanded by men with rank at least equal to that borne by officers holding similar commands in foreign navies.

**Greatest Naval Power.**  
The President also urged the construction of two giant battleships of a tonnage of 32,000 each and to cost \$18,000,000 apiece. This would make the United States the leading naval power of the world, a position which the President believes that the country should occupy.

The part of the Meyer plan laid before the house committee on naval affairs has been favorably received, and it looks as though the administration could count upon the support of congress as far as its naval plans are concerned.

The government has received unofficial information that Japan is laying the keels of the two largest battleships in the world.

**Dreadnoughts For Pacific.**  
It has been tentatively agreed by congress that the naval increase shall include two battleships of 27,000 tons each, one repair ship, two colliers and five submarines for the Pacific Coast.

Not since the introduction of the dreadnought has there been such a radical tendency in the direction of naval improvement noticeable in congress, and the administration's program will, it is believed, meet with the pretty general approval of both the house and the senate.

# CRUISER WASHINGTON TO ANGEL ISLAND

More Smallpox Cases Send the  
Warship Into Quarantine  
at San Francisco.

PORT TOWNSEND, February 27.—The armored cruiser Washington left here yesterday under orders to proceed to the quarantine station at Angel Island, San Francisco harbor. More smallpox cases have broken out on board the cruiser, and it has been thought wise to send the stricken vessel to a place where her crew can be landed under proper medical quarantine regulations.

**ANDERSON HAS BEE.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, February 26.—Alfred Anderson, present lieutenant-governor of California, announces himself a candidate for governor of this State.

# DOES MACKALL'S CAR GET PAID?

Auto 209 Rakes In Goodly Sums  
but What About Machine  
No. 336.

ONE BELONGS TO JIM QUINN

The Other Is the Property of the  
County's Official Pill  
Passer.

When motor car No. 209 carries Supervisor Jim Quinn and a few of his confederates around the Island on official business the county pays him sundry dollars rental for the machine. When automobile No. 336 carries County Physician Bruce Mackall and his confederates around the Island will the county also come through with sundry simoleons? This is the question which is agitating Auditor Bicknell these days and as yet the genial public official who works for his salary has not found the answer.

Automobile No. 209 has been a mighty useful adjunct to the lawmaking and administrative departments of the county; likewise has it placed many good silver dollars in the pockets of Supervisor Jim, both when he has been supervising and when he has not. It is the recognized chariot of state.

Heretofore the county physician has been able to boast nothing more pretentious than a runabout, so it has been necessary for him, when taking some of his assistants to the outside districts on tours of inspection, to charter some other machine, preferably 209. But now the doctor is the proud possessor of a touring car, and a very good touring car at that. The car bears the number 336 and though smaller it is fully as dignified as No. 209, the big boat which calls Jim Quinn master. This car is eminently fitted to carry the doctor and his official family around the Island. Therefore the question.

If the doctor charter 209 the county pays the bill. If he should choose to use 336 will the county also come through? The doctor has not yet put in a bill but the auditor wants to know what he is going to do in case such a claim should be presented.

# CAPTAIN CLARK IS VERY SICK

Suddenly Stricken on Waterfront  
and Doctor Makes It a  
Mystery.

(From Sunday's Advertiser.)

Capt. William A. Clark, harbormaster for the port of Honolulu, was taken suddenly ill yesterday afternoon while on duty, and was removed to the Queen's Hospital, the police ambulance having to be used to carry him from his office in the customhouse.

The harbormaster was preparing to go aboard the bark S. C. Allen, which was off port from Eureka, when he was stricken. Doctor Hodgins was called and ordered him taken to the hospital, where he gave orders, that although Captain Clark was seriously ill and the public was of an inquiring mind, no information respecting his illness should be made public. Just what his ailment is the hospital authorities would not give out under any circumstances, refusing information of any kind.

Captain Clark has been harbormaster since the retirement of Captain Fuller less than two years ago. Before that time he was superintendent of the Oceanic wharf for W. G. Irwin & Co., where he had been employed for a number of years.

# PINCHOT SLAMS BALLINGER WHILE GIVING TESTIMONY

Says Secretary of the Interior  
Is Disloyal to Chief  
Executive.

WASHINGTON, February 26.—Gifford Pinchot indulged in a bitter arraignment of Secretary of the Interior Ballinger in his opening statement today before the joint committee to investigate the Ballinger charges.

Pinchot made specific allegations against Ballinger, charging that Ballinger has indulged in a series of false statements; has been unfaithful to the trust of the people and has been guilty of disloyalty to President Taft, whom, Pinchot declared, Ballinger has systematically deceived.

Pinchot told the investigating committee that he will produce plenty of evidence to substantiate his charges against Ballinger.

# PRESIDENT SUBMITS THE MEYER BILL TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, February 26.—President Taft sent a special message to congress today transmitting the Meyer bill, which provides for an improvement in the personnel of the navy and increasing the chance of promotion.

President Taft advocates the passage of the bill as being in accordance with the plan to increase the efficiency of the navy.

# HILO MASONS NOW IN THEIR NEW HOME

Temple Dedicated  
in Ceremonial  
Manner

Honolulu Brethren Take  
Part in the Happy  
Event.

By James T. Stacker.

HILO, February 24.—In the matter of architecture Hilo has much to be proud of and its masonic temple, which was dedicated to masonry this afternoon it may well be satisfied. Built of reinforced concrete, two stories in height, plainly massive in design with rooms for the lodge and assemblies, it is a structure that would be a credit to Honolulu. In point of fact the masons of the capital could well follow those of Hilo and build something as good.

The interior finish is natural wood with the stain of old oak. The panels of the same material on solid color walls that contrast well. Heavy pillars and pilasters are everywhere and the effect is pleasing, giving to the young lodge in the Territory a home that is worth while.

Twelve years ago Kilanea Lodge was organized and its first officers installed by the late Andrew Brown, K. R. G. Wallace, Joseph Little and William H. Wright, representing the Grand Lodge of California. The lodge room was in the F. S. Lyman building, at the corner of Waiannuene and Bridge street. That room was occupied until the beginning of the building operations which ended in the splendid structure that was dedicated this afternoon before an assemblage of the very best people of Hilo.

**Quick Growth.**

Kilanea Lodge grew from the beginning like a green bay tree and, as far as the outside world knows, has been a lodge of perfect harmony. Masons do not talk in public about their fraternal affairs so that the layman has only appearances to judge by. Dissension never brought this building to Hilo. Almost from the time the lodge was organized there was a building bee buzzing in the bonnets of the individual members. An association was talked of until finally it became a fact and a lot was bought on upper Waiannuene street. It was impossible at the time to get the one where their building stood, the land being under lease to F. S. Lyman. For that reason Kilanea decided to buy mauka and wait for the town to grow. There has been a good deal of waiting for the town to grow, and in some respects it has stood still in consequence. The demand for a government building with a federal brand on it called the citizens together when Commissioner Huetace was here to decide where to build and the site of the masonic lodge, (Lyman building) was selected without opposition, or if there was any it was not considered of enough importance to stop the tide.

**Greater Than Mustard Seed.**

The people here had more faith in Uncle Sam, however, in the matter of a federal building than have some others, and when, some years later, the masons wanted to get a corner out of the lot the citizens had voted in public meeting to set apart for the federal site, in exchange for the one that was owned by the lodge and located a half-mile mauka, there was an objection from one quarter that took the form of a row that was heard from the Wailuku to the Waiannuene. Even the editor of one of the Hilo papers was roused to a fizzle for having changed his mind on the subject and coming out in favor of the transfer. The then superintendent of public instruction, Mr. Babbitt, was here at the time and expressed a desire for the upper lot so it could be used for school purposes. Babbitt's speech before Caesar won the lot for the masons because Governor Carter was behind him and he had the last word. It was a good thing for Hilo for it gave it a building in a locality where it would be seen and where it was convenient for the members of the lodge.

**Many Visitors.**

There were present at the dedication today the best people of Hilo, and in the room not less than one hundred and fifty members of the masonic fraternity of the Territory. Seventeen came up on the Mauna Kea from Honolulu to take part in the ceremony which was all formal.

**The Dedication.**

Promptly at two this afternoon the lodge was opened in the temporary quarters at the corner of Bridge and King street and after the regular services a march was taken up to the new temple. A quartet of young ladies sang as the members marched around the room three times until Master W. H. C. Campbell reached the east. Then the ceremonies dedicating the temple were begun. Worshipful Master Campbell, past Master Moir, Past Master McKay, senior Warden Holmes, Junior Warden Bowman and Chaplain Williams, of Kilanea, acting in their various capacities. J. D. Tucker, representing the Grand Lodge of California, was the marshal and to him much of the success of the affair is due. His knowledge of the ritual of the Grand Lodge, which was used, coming into service. The other officials of Kilanea are Adam Lindsay, treasurer; Frank A. Medcalf, secretary; H. W. Ludloff, S. S.; J. H. Moir, J. S.; John Napier, S. H.; H. T. Morris, S. H.; and E. H. Davis, marshal. There was no special music, the songs



PROMINENT MASONS OF HILO.

E. H. Holmes D. S. Bowman E. H. Austin Chas. Weatherbee  
W. H. C. Campbell G. H. Vickers Judge Parsons  
C. R. Kennedy J. Napier F. A. Medcalf

of masonry and the hymns with which all churchgoing folk are familiar being used. After the building had been duly dedicated and received by the lodge from the Hilo Masonic Hall Association, Past Master Moir, who is also president of the association, gave a brief history of the building operations, saying in part:

"Worshipful master, warden and brethren:

"We have met here today for a specific purpose, namely to solemnly dedicate our masonic hall. Ten or more years ago the Hilo Masonic Hall Association was formed and later on a site purchased, which was farther up Waiannuene street than we are today. Still later negotiations were entered into with the then Governor of the Territory, George R. Carter, with a view to making an exchange of sites, the government requiring our uptown lot for school purposes, and giving us in exchange the site that this building now stands on, we paying the difference.

"After having the matter satisfactorily settled, we took up the matter of plans, and through the hard work and kindness of P. M. Brother McKay a sketch or plan was worked out, which seemed to embody all the necessary detail for an architect to work on, and the matter was taken up with several architects, both in Honolulu and on the mainland. It was finally decided to accept the plans of H. E. Starbuck, of Oakland. Owing to the fire in San Francisco and the rebuilding thereof, building materials of all kinds were very scarce and very high, and we decided to wait a little while.

"On or about May, 1908, the work of excavation was commenced and in June of the same year the building was proceeded with. We were very unfortunate in the selection of workmen made by Mr. Starbuck, the architect, who came down here to erect the building; for after working between three and four months, it was found necessary to call a halt, discharge the workmen and commence all over again. This cost us in round figures ten thousand dollars.

"Then arrangements were made with Brother Fred Harrison, of Honolulu, to take the matter in hand and carry it on to completion, which he has done with great credit to himself and his able assistants, and with perfect satisfaction to the association.

"The cornerstone was laid February 18, 1909. We started out to build a \$40,000 building, and have ended up by having one costing double the amount, as nothing but the best of everything would satisfy the boys. At times there seemed doubts and fears that the fund would run short and we would not be able to complete it, but as far as I know there was no slack-up, and when the money was wanted it was forthcoming. The brethren rallied to its assistance and boosted it along. I might further say that there is still room for assistance in the way of taking stock in the association, and it is coming along every day, too, from other brethren of large and generous hearts all over this Territory.

"We have gone quietly along, everyone doing the best they knew how, putting their shoulders to the wheel with a will and to some effect as is plainly demonstrated to you all here today. We are making no boast when we say that this building stands unexcelled on the Islands today, or we might still go farther and say or anywhere else, for a substantial, fireproof, earthquakeproof, up-to-date building, first-class in every respect, a credit to the town of Hilo and the Territory of Hawaii.

"Here within its walls the cry of the widow and orphan will not be heard in vain, for we are told in the Bible, that book of sacred laws, and which is our rule and guide, of Jacob's theological ladder, which reached from earth to heaven, the three principal rungs of which are denominated Faith, Hope and Charity, which admonish us to have faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity for all mankind. But the greatest of these is charity, for our own faith may be lost in sight, hope ends in fruition, but charity extends beyond the grave to the boundless realms of eternity, and we may rest assured that if we do our duty while here on earth, we will be prepared to welcome death, not as a grim tyrant, but as a kind messenger sent to translate us from this imperfect to that all-perfect, glorious and celestial lodge above, where the Supreme Grand Master of the universe forever presides."

Mr. Moir said he had found a little poem which bore well on the subject, which he read during his address, as follows:

When a man ain't got a cent  
And is feeling kind of blue,  
And the clouds hang dark and heavy  
And won't let the sun shine through,  
It's a great thing, oh, my brothers,  
For a fellow just to say,  
"I'll help you on with your building,"  
In a brotherly sort of way.  
It makes a man feel brighter,  
It makes the tear drops start  
And you kind of have a feeling  
In the region of your heart  
That it's worth a lot of money  
To lend a helping hand  
In building up our landmark,  
Leaving footprints on the sand.

**Evening's Banquet.**

After invocation and more singing Worshipful Master Campbell announced the ceremony closed. To those whose minds are dark on the subject of masonry the affair was an education in which the Bible is the text book and the events at the time of the building of the Temple were repeated. As the wine, corn and oil were used by the ancients at the consecration of the temple, so were they used today.

Tonight one hundred masons, and some who are not of the order, broke bread at a banquet in the new Hilo Hotel. The tables groaned the proverbial groan; the Hilo band occupied the stand on the lawn, and at one end of the banquet hall was the quintet club. I use "the" advisedly. I do not think I ever heard better music by a club in Honolulu and never heard as good by a combination in Hilo. Here I whisper, "Hilo has grown."

Acting-Manager Demosthenes Lyeurgas was in charge of the diningroom tonight while within George was within call looking on. The affair was a success and a credit to the hotel as the hotel is a credit to Hilo. The masons of the town showed their guests hospitality that counts; the kind for which Hilo is noted.

**Dry, but Interesting.**

W. McKay, P. M., acted as toastmaster and proved himself a pastmaster at the work. Nearly all of the speeches were informal and dealt with the work of masonry, local and otherwise. Some had been committed to memory and were none the less interesting for that. There was no wine used at the feast, for when there is a gathering of this sort "in the name of the order" booze is taboo. As a consequence what was said in response to the toasts was from the heart, an honest expression of feeling; for it was the man, not wine, that was talking. There was an abundance of the "bur" peculiar to this locality but a decided absence of the smoky flavor for which a product of And Scotia is noted.

**Toast List.**

Toasts were as follows:  
Grand Lodge of California—J. D. Tucker.  
The President—W. S. Wise.  
Hawaiian 21—L. M. Velleen.  
Honolulu Lodge—Alex. Lyle.

**Other Speakers.**

Hugh Howell of Maui spoke to the gathering in a vein that was humorous and much enjoyed. Fred Harrison was asked to tell how he had spoilt the building and Jas. King and W. Keolani, members of the old Kamehameha Glee Club, rendered a song.

The banquet closed with singing "Auld Lang Syne," which seems to be the national anthem in this part of the country.

**Those Present.**

Among the guests were the following:

Robt. Lewers, W. J. Breckenridge, G. C. Hoffgaard, Walter R. Coombs, J. D. Tucker, S. S. Paxon, S. P. Johnson, T. W. Lishman, J. M. Quinn, S. A. Lyle, D. T. Bowman, L. M. Hale, H. A. Gerlach, J. Napier, Jr., J. Anderson, E. M. Duncan, D. E. Maxwell, J. K. Clarke, Frank Medcalf, Alex. Fraser, W. M. Burnett, F. M. Anderson, Wm. Leonard, Robt. Gosling, Chas. E. King, W. T. Harding, W. S. Wise, J. S. Griggs, E. J. Weight, N. C. Will, J. M. Ross, J. H. Mabey, J. T. Craswell, J. M. Cawatt, G. H. Williams, H. P. Beckley, L. C. Lyman, J. C. Moir, C. D. Green, A. Lindsay, Jas. McNiel, E. S. Davis, Geo. S. Day, D. Lycurgas, W. H. C. Campbell, G. H. Vickers, D. E. Metzger, W. S. Keolani, E. S. Holmes, Harry Grey, Wm. Brien, Jno. T. Moir, E. E. Richards, H. W. Finkbe, Chas. Castendyk, Wm. Yarnett, Fred Irwin, E. F. Nichols, J. M. Cameron, L. M. Velleen, Hugh Howell, L. A. Andrews, Geo. Jameson, Chas. R. Kennedy, Geo. McKay, R. T. Moore, E. H. Moore, Geo. A. God, R. Leongel, Jas. Webster, J. M. Muir, D. J. Butler, Fred Harrison, Arthur Irwin.

# NEWS ITEMS OF THE BIG ISLAND

Puakea started fluming cane to Honaunui last week. The prospects are bright for a larger crop than last year.

Hawi made its first shipment of sugar for the season by the Mo'i Whine last Wednesday. The Muriel, which arrived Sunday, will take a load to San Francisco.

Much damage has been done to roads in Kau by washouts. There was a rainfall of 3.65 inches in two hours, Hawaiian Agricultural plantation getting the full benefit.

A Hilo incident, in connection with Lincoln's birthday, consists in the fact that February 12 is also the anniversary of the birth of Hon. Bernard H. Kelekolio, the Boy Orator.

Miss Katherine Renton's wedding day is set for March 2. She is to be quietly married at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Hind, of Kohala. About forty guests members of the family are invited. About 700 announcements were sent out. She will live in San Francisco.

The eleven Portuguese settlers who were recently given government lands at Kaapoko, near Papaikou, have all built homes there and celebrated their entry on the land last Sunday with a celebration. The affair was attended by a large gathering, among the guests being Portuguese Consul Souza Canavaro, who had arrived in Hilo on the Wilhelmina.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the reception of the Portuguese cruiser San Gabriel, which is expected during the latter part of April, started out canvassing for funds this week. It met with brilliant success, securing pledges for more than five hundred dollars in less than two hours. The committee figures that about \$2500 will be needed to carry out the program which is in contemplation.

Sumi Kumei, a Japanese prisoner at the Hilo jail, last Friday morning escaped from the jail, and fled into the cane fields. His spell of liberty was, however, only a very short one, and after an hour's search he was found by one of the prison guards. Sumi was confined at the jail on a charge of forgery, awaiting the trial of the case at the coming term of the circuit court. He was taking exercise in the prison yard early in the morning, and saw his chance to get into the stable, whence he made his way to liberty, hiding the cane field in the vicinity until he was found.

# WARNING COMES FROM HILO LETTER

ST. PETERSBURG, February 17.—The Journal of Commerce and Industry, the organ of the Ministry of Finance, today prints a warning to Russian emigrants of alleged false representations made by Hawaiian immigration agents, who promise high wages on the farms of Hawaii and other conditions favorable to Russian immigrants.

The paper cites the appeal of the first party of immigrants arriving in Hawaii to the Russian Consul at Yokohama, asking assistance in view of their miserable condition. Hawaiian immigration agents are active among the colonists in Manchuria.

**STANDS UNCHANGED.**

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never disappoints those who use it for whooping cough, colds and irritations of the throat and lungs. It stands unchallenged as a remedy for all throat and lung diseases. For sale by all dealers. Beware of cheap imitations. Agents for Hawaii, Geo. Smith & Co.